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Re: Application of: Reinhold MEIER
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For: **METHOD FOR CONNECTING COMPONENTS**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicant hereby makes of record the documents listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 Form (1 page) for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. While the references are being submitted herewith, some or all of the references may not constitute prior art under the U.S. patent laws.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (d), after the mailing date of a Final Office Action. The references cited in the accompanying PTO-Form 1449 were first cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart

Japanese application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

A check in the amount of \$180.00 is enclosed to cover the fee under 37 CFR §1.17(p). In the event any additional fee is due in connection with this response or if any fee has been overpaid, the deficiency or overpayment should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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